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SUBJ: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DEA OFFICE IN NETHERLANDS

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1. EMBOFFS SEPTEMBER 27 DISCUSSED PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DEA OFFICE IN NETHS WITH SIMONS (DIRECTOR, GENERAL AFFAIRS, MFA). WE NOTED THAT DEA REPS FROM TIME TO TIME HAVE VISITED NETHS AND HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH JUSTICE MINISTRY, AND THAT PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH DEA OFFICE IN NETHS IS PART OF EXPANDED PROGRAM OF DEA ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT EUROPE. WE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT GON WOULD AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DEA OFFICE AND TO CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN IT AND APPROPRIATE NETHS AUTHORITIES.

2. SIMONS SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO ASSIST. IN FIRST INSTANCE, HOWEVER, THIS MATTER IS WITHIN PURVIEW OF OTHER GON MINISTRIES, SUCH AS JUSTICE AND HEALTH. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT PRESENT DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ESTABLISHED ITS POLICY REGARDING DRUG MATTERS, PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION OF WHICH HAS YET TO TAKE PLACE, AND THAT SUBJECT OF DRUGS WAS A CONTROVERSIAL ONE IN NETHERLANDS.

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3. SIMONS SAID HE WOULD APPRISE APPROPRIATE GON AUTHORITIES

OF US PLAN TO ESTABLISH DEA OFFICE IN NETHS, BUT ASKED FOR A FORMAL PROPOSAL IN THIS REGARD FROM THE EMBASSY WHICH SETS FORTH IN DETAIL WHAT THE US HAD IN MIND. THIS HE SAID WOULD FORESTALL NUMEROUS QUESTIONS WHICH HE FELT CERTAIN WOULD BE RAISED BY VARIOUS MINISTRIES WHOSE VIEWS ON THE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE SOUGHT. HE WAS TOLD THAT SUCH A SUBMISSION WOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION RE PLANNED ACTIVITES OF PROPOSED DEA OFFICE, ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH DUTCH AUTHORITIES AND ITS PREFERRED LOCATION, IN ORDER THAT NOTE CONCERNING THIS MATTER CAN BE SUBMITTED TO MFA.
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